

Planning Commission Mtg.
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Subject: Matthiasson Winery
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Ms. Hedge,

I am writing in support of the Matthiasson Winery use permit to increase production, visitation, etc.

I am a local advocate for climate actions to slow global warming and am a member of the Napa Sierra Club Executive Committee and Napa Climate NOW!, a 350 Bay Area affiliate. However, my comments on this project are my own, not those of either organization.

This project takes into consideration natural constraints (our need to reduce power and water use to reduce our climate impact) as well as the concerns of the rural residential neighborhood.

I was particularly pleased to learn that the project will not use groundwater for irrigation. The reduction in well water flows in the immediate area was brought to the attention of the Planning Commission during the hearing for the Anthem Winery permit. At that hearing, three neighboring growers said they experienced a decrease in groundwater availability.

I am happy to support the Matthiasson Family Winery use permit because it is the type of winery that sets an example for working with the site and for understanding the changes that will be demanded of us in order to stabilize our climate.

Respectfully,

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